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Hon. David Stewart Bell

& and his wife

Sarah Rail Bell

Pioneer residents of

Lee County, Iowa

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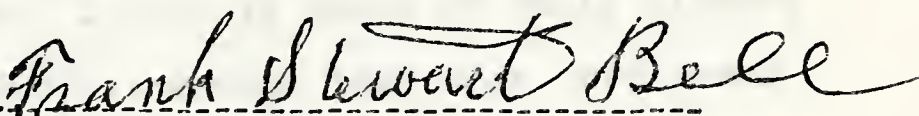
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the hereto attached document to be filed before your Honorable Body.

It contains the geneology of the Hon David Stewart Bell and Sarah Rail Bell, his wife, Pioneer residents of Lee County and their descendants.

The same has been prepared and edited by, the undersigned, over a a period of more than 50 years.

Dated this 20th day of October 1952.



Frank Stewart Bell.

July 10, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

FBI

I am writing to you to inform you that I have been

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Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THAT
BRANCH OF THE BELL FAMILY WHICH CAME TO AMERICA ABOUT
1754 AND SETTLED IN MIFFLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bells were originally Normans and their
Norman name was "La Bel," old French, "the beautiful".
They came over to England with William, the Conqueror
in the Eleventh Century. In their history they settled
at Lanark, Scotland. From there they largely emigrated
to Ballygawley, in the County of Tyrone, PROVINCE OF
ULSTER, Ireland, and settled on Crown lands at that
place, where they remained about two generations before
emigrating to America. Little is known of their history
prior to coming to America, except that they were armor
bearing and their armor was designed as follows:

THREE CHURCH BELLS AND OF THEIR CRESTS A HAWK BELLED

They were by faith orthodox Presbyterians.
William Bell, the paternal ancestor of our branch of the
family was born in Ireland and died in Mifflin County,
Pennsylvania, April 5th, 1819, aged eighty-eight years;
Elizabeth Stewart, his consort, born in Ireland, died in
the same place October 17th, 1825, aged eighty-eight years,
but I have no information whether or not they were married
in Ireland or in this country. There is a tradition in family
which has been handed down, that she was of Royal blood.
The Clan Stewart of Scotland contain the Royal House of
Scotland. See history of Scottish Clan.^s

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS TO THE PRESENT TIME

The history of the United States of America is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first settlers who came to the New World in search of a better life. These settlers found a land of vast resources and opportunities. They worked hard to build a new society, one that was based on the principles of liberty and justice for all. Over the years, the United States has grown from a small colony to a great nation. It has faced many challenges, but it has always emerged stronger and more united. Today, the United States is a world leader in many fields, and it continues to strive for a better future for all its citizens.

CHAPTER I. THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS.

THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS IN AMERICA WERE MADE BY THE INDIANS.

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It is said that William Bell operated a still prior to his coming to America, which was considered a high occupation at that time. However, owing to religious conviction, he abandoned the occupation after coming to this country. The traditional history of the family is to the effect that they were at one time refugees from the Indians during one of the massacres of the early settlers in Pennsylvania. My Uncle James B. Bell showed me an Irish Bull-Eye watch that he carried at that time, which stopped running when they were wading one of the rivers of that section as they were fleeing from the Indians. There is a tradition that he was present at the time of Braddock's defeat, but what part he took in the battle is not known. That he served in the Revolutionary War having enlisted as a private in Captain Tuttle's Company, and was discharged from the service as a major of his Regiment. The record of his enlistment is on file in the Capitol Building of the State of Pennsylvania. The National records were burned by the British in the War of 1812, so we have no record there. After the war he served for many years as Justice of the Peace in his home County, which office was considered quite an honor at that time. During this period he and John Williams organized the Huntington Presbytery and he was one of the ruling elders. See History of Huntington Presbytery.

He was the father of a large family of children, which appear in the first census taken by the United States Government in 1790, and are as follows:

Mary, born November, 1760.

Arthur, born September, 1762.

Elizabeth, born August, 1764.

Robert, born October, 1766.

David, born July, 1769.

Queen, born July, 1773.

William, born September, 1775.

Sarah, born September, 1777.

Anne, born May, 1778.

Dinah, born 1779.

Robert, born March, 1783.

Davis Bell, born April 11th, 1769, departed this life May, 1835, and was married to Agnes Allen April 27th, 1800. Their offsprings are as follows:

Dinah Bell, born August 24th, 1801.

Joseph Allen, born July 24th, 1803.

William Turner, born August 1st, 1806.

Sarah Matilda, born December 29th, 1807.

David Stewart, born November 15th, 1811.

Sarah, born July 26th, 1814.

Elizabeth, born March 16th, 1816.

Robert Samuel, born 1818.

Thomas Mitchell, born October 19th, 1820.

Nancy Maria, born April 25th, 1821.

James Boyd, born October 11th, 1823.

Agnes Allen was lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell through the Tillestons. This tradition has been

handed down in the Bell family but I was unable to clear it up until I had an interview with Hon. W. S. Allen, Ex-Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, who gave me the above information. See Allen record.

The descendants of William Bell and Elizabeth Stewart have fought in the defense of the flag in all the important wars of our Nation, and some of them have served with distinction. Why would it not be a good plan for some of their descendants to locate their graves in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, to organize a memorial society among their descendants and erect a suitable monument to their memory?

The above family history I have received from my great-uncle, the late James B. Bell of Utica, Kansas, and from the family Bible of my grandfather, Davis Stewart Bell; also have the early history of the Bells received from George H. Jewett of Des Moines, Iowa, one of the organizers of Drake University, and who has served as Treasurer of that Institution ever since its organization, Mr. Jewett being a very wealthy man, a world traveler, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean twenty-one times, and himself a descendant of Massachusetts Bells.

THE ALLEN RECORD

Allen is an ancient Briton name and ancestors were English among whom were many distinguished men, one of whom Wm. Allen was Lord Mayor of London in the 16th Century. Samuel Allen, 3-7-1700 D. 5-20-1779. His second

marriage was in 1749 to Agnes Boyd, daughter of an English Clergyman. She was B. 5-21-1726 D. 11-6-1799. Samuel born and reared in London came to America from Newry Ireland, his father John Allen having married the daughter of an English merchant of Newry. Samuel first came to the store of his Uncle William Allen in Philadelphia but soon went up the State on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Rivers to take charge of interest of his Uncle.

William Allen was reputed the richest man in Pennsylvania at his death. His son William was associated with Benjamin Franklin in the founding of the University of Pennsylvania. He was Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1750 to 1774 when he resigned and went to England because he was an English sympathizer. His daughter Ann married John Penn, son of William Penn.

Samuel Allen was a commissioned officer in the Colonial Wars serving as Lieutenant in charge of Ft. Augusta in 1756-57-58. He later purchased a large tract of land in Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, which he developed into a country place called Newry.

He was an elder in the Buffalo Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. He died in May, 1779. His children were Ruth, Agnes, Margaret, Ephriam, Samuel, James, Mary Ann, Joseph, John and Robert.

Joseph married a widow, Sarah Tilleston Thornburg, a lionel descendant of Oliver Cromwell. Children: Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, Agnes, Sarah, Mary, Ruth, Margaret.

Joseph Allen served as a ranger on the Frontier Crops of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, between 1778 and 1783. Soon after 1800 Joseph moved to Muskingum Co., Ohio where he died in 1818. His daughter, Agnes, married Davis Bell.

Thomas Beach and Jane Allen, his wife, were Lee County pioneers and lived within two miles of my Grandfather's homestead for twenty years before they found out that Mrs. Beach and my Grandfather were first cousins. Also Mrs. Beach had a brother, Boyd Allen, a Pioneer Doctor of Hillsboro, Iowa. He was the family Doctor in my Grandfather's family during this period.

S U P P L E M E N T A L

ALLEN FAMILY

John Allen (1) of Dungannon, Ireland, fled from Sterlingshire, Scotland, in the time of King James I to escape the persecution of the Presbyterians. His wife was a sister of William Craige. Issue (prob. incomplete).

1-1 John 1-2 William 1-3 Catherine married Cally of Dungannon.

John Allen (1-1) of London later sent to Newry, Ireland, where he married the daughter of a Newry merchant. They had a son (1-1-1), Samuel.

William Allen (1-2) probably born in Ireland ca. 1670, was a merchant of Philadelphia where he died 8-30-1725, age 55 years. He mentions in his will sister Catherine Cally and an uncle, William Craige, both of Dungannon, Ireland. He had a son.

1-2-1 William born 8-5-1704 in Philadelphia became one of the richest men in Pennsylvania. He was the founder of Allentown, was associated with Benjamin Franklin in founding the University of Pennsylvania and was Chief Justice of Pennsylvania from 1750 to 1774 when he returned to England because of his sympathy with the crown. His portrait hangs in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. He had an estate, Mt. Airy, a mansion with 47 acres beyond Germantown where Lutheran Seminary is now located. His daughter, Ann, married Gov. John Penn, son of William Penn.

1-1-1 Samuel Allen born Newry, Ireland 3-7-1700 was educated for the ministry. His eyes failed him and he came to America where he was associated in business with his Uncle William Allen of Philadelphia, later going up on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Rivers to have charge of interests for his Uncle. He served in the Province forces of Pennsylvania during the French and Indian War, being commissioned Lieutenant 12-2-1757, at Ft. Augusta near Sunbury. (Pa A 2nd, 2:534, 543, 557, F F Pa. 1:304). He was first commissioned Lieutenant 5019-1756 and was stationed at Ft. Hyndshaw. He was Captain-Lieutenant 1-9-1758. He was twice married, but the name of his first wife is not known. They had issue:

1-1-1-1 Ruth Reanolds; 1-1-1-2 Agnes;
1-1-1-3 Margaret Killey or (Rippey);
1-1-1-4 Ephriam; 1-1-1-5 Samuel;

These were named in their father's will, dated 5-5-1779, and probated 5-28-1779, and cast off with five shillings each.

(No. Pa R Will Book 1:13). He married 2nd, 1749, Agnes Boyd, daughter of a clergyman in London, born 5-21-1720, died 11-6-1799. They settled in White Deer Twsp. Northumberland County, Pennsylvania about 1774 where he purchased a large amount of land which he developed into a county place called Newry. (Patent Book A-A 2:257 at Philadelphia; No Pa R Deed Book L; 180-82). Samuel died in White Deer Twsp. (now part of Union Co.) May 1779. Issued by wife Agnes:

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1-1-1-7 Joseph; 1-1-1-8 John (See VCAG for line)

1-1-1-9 Robert; 1-1-1-10 Mary Ann, not of age
at date of father's will.

The above estate was left to his wife to be divided at her death among his three sons, Joseph, John and Robert.

Joseph Allen (1-1-1-7) born in (White Deer Twsp.) Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania pro. 1750-5. He is listed there on tax records 1778-87 (PA A 3rd. 19: 428, 472, 522, 553, 627, 775) and (ibid 23: 248, 261, 349). He served in the Revolution as a Ranger on the Frontier 1779 - 83 from Northumberland Co. militia recd. depreciation pay for his services during the Revolution (Pa A 5" 4:357). Joseph, John and Robert sold the land left them by their father's will by deed dated April 1, 1800 (No Pa R) and the wife of Josephine who signs the deed is Warah. He probably removed to Ohio shortly thereafter. He married Sarah Tillaston Thornburg. He patented land #2763 from the Recorder's office Muskingum Co., Ohio, described as S.W. quarter of Sec. 36, purchased 5-7-1812 for \$2.00 per acre. Patent recorded Vol. 22 page 500 (U.S.L.R.) twsp. 13 range 11; It is dated Sept. 18th, 1817 and signed by James Monroe, President. The will of Joseph Allen dated 8-3-1818, probated Sept. 1818 (MCQR) names wife, Sarah, sons, Samuel, Joseph, Thomas, daughter Nancy Bell (the eldest), Sarah Burrel, Mary Cousines, Ruth Dickson and Margaret, Sons Thomas and Joseph, executors. Issue:

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1-1-1-7-1 Samuel 1-1-1-7-2 Joseph

1-1-1-7-3 Thomas 1-1-1-7-4 Nancy (Agnes M. David Bell)

1-1-1-7-5 Sarah M. Burrel

1-1-1-7-6 Mary M. Cousins

1-1-1-7-7 Ruth M. Dickson

1-1-1-7-8 Margaret

1-1-1-7-4 Agnes (or Nancy) Allen born in Pa. Married Mufflin Co., Pennsylvania, 4-27-1800 David Bell, son of William and Eliz Stewart Bell.

Pa Archives; Hist. of Lehigh Co. Pa., Roberts; Scotch Irish of Northumberland Co. Pa.; V.C.A.G. also much data from Harold Smutz, a descendant of Thomas Allen.

MRS. AGNES BELL

Died in Belleville, Mifflin County on Sunday, Oct. 14", Mrs. Agnes Bell (wife of David Bell, deceased) in her 72nd year of her age. She was born Feb. 4", 1778, at or near Dorstovn (now Greenburg), Union County, where her ^{been} father had/one of the first settlers.

She made a profession of religion in early life, and was for at least 50 years a communicant in the Presbyterian Church, of her eleven children, ten survive, of whom seven were gathered around her dying bed. Mrs. Bell was a kind mother, and obliging neighbor and a cheerful christian. She loved God's ordinances, the preached word, and the social prayer meeting. During her last sickness she was not disposed

to converse much, owing to extreme sickness, but she felt the savior's presence in the Redeemer. Her friends sorrow not as those who have no hope. To depart and be with the Lord is far better.

Copy from the original published in the paper now in the hands of James B. Bell, Utica, Kansas.

HON. DAVID STEWART BELL

The following is copied from the history of Lee County, Iowa, as taken from PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM, dated 1887.

David Stewart Bell was born in Mifflin County on the banks of the Juniata River, November 15th, 1811. He was the son of David Bell and Agnes Allen Bell. When he was still a youth he engaged as Clerk in the General Store of the Town of McVey, and afterward went into business of the same description himself. He was ambitious, and at an early age had partially marked out a future for himself. He was not satisfied with his condition or his prospects in his native State and in the fall of 1837 he started West, and after reaching Illinois, spent the winter in Joliet.

In the following spring (1838) Mr. Bell cross^{ed} the Father of Waters, came into the Territory of Iowa, and located at Ft. Madison. He then resumed his former occupation as Clerk, and the same year attended the first land sale at Burlington and made a purchase on Sections

8 and 9, Cedar Township. Meanwhile he continued his duties as a Clerk, and was gradually working himself into the confidence and esteem of the community. He was at once recognized as a young man of more than ordinary ability, and in due time was appointed Deputy Clerk of Lee County by John H. Lyon, the Chief and first Clerk of the County. The duties of this position he fulfilled with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned, and paved the way to rise still higher.

Hon. David S. Bell and Miss Sarah Stewart Reigell (Rail) were united in marriage in Ft. Madison the 1st day of January, 1840. Mrs. Bell was a native of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, her birth occurring September 22nd, 1819. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bell remained in Ft. Madison until the following year, then returned to Ennisville, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Bell engaged in mercantile pursuits for the following seven years. During this time the country lying around the tract of land which he had purchased in Iowa being slowly improved and developed, and in 1848, having sold his business in Ennisville, Mr. Bell resolved to return to Iowa and settle upon his claim. Accordingly, accompanied by his family he once more came into Lee County and made preparations for the establishment of a permanent home. One of the first duties was the construction of a dwelling, which was built of logs. Into this the family moved, and it remained their home for about three years, giving place at the expiration of that time to a commodious brick residence.

Mr. Bell was successful in his farming operations, and added to his first purchase as time passed by. He finally became the possessor of 480 acres, nearly all of which was finely improved. He remained upon the farm the remainder of his life, and was gathered to his final rest on the 12th day of January, 1878, at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Bell was a man highly esteemed in his community and always ready to assist in the promotion of every worthy object. His judgment and opinions were sought and his advice considered safe to follow. He was decided in his views, but firm and temperate in the expression of them, and made no enemies of those who differed from him in opinion. He held the various offices of this township and in 1870 represented his County in the thirteenth General Assembly. During his early manhood he belonged to the Whig party, but latter affiliated with the Democracy. Mrs. Sarah Rail Bell was the fit companion of her husband in his early toils and struggles, sympathizing with his worthy ambitions and rejoicing in his successes.

The household circles consisted of seven children as follows: Helen, born in Iowa, October 30th, 1840, died in Pennsylvania in May, 1843; Benjamin A., born in Pennsylvania March 18th, 1848, died May 11th, 1943; Agnes S. became the wife of Isaac Reeves, and lives in Salem; Thomas A. resides on the old homestead; Zachary T. (see obituary), Lucretia C., born April 27th, 1851, died in 1865; the youngest child a daughter died in infancy. The faithful wife and mother departed this life in February, 1873, at the age of 54 years.

The family burying ground is in the Sharon Cemetery, situated about five miles from the old homestead. A short time before the death of the daughter, Agnes Bell Reeves, she had erected a fine monument in the honor of these worthy pioneers of Lee County, Iowa, taking the place of the grave stones that had been erected before.

The name Reigall was changed to Rail, and I have been unable to reconcile the fact whether my grandmother was New York Dutch or Pennsylvania German descent, but the name Reigell indicates that she was of Dutch descent and her ancestors were from New York State. About the year 1886 I was in a home near Warren, Iowa, and the lady of the house told me that she attended the dance given in honor of my grandparents wedding and that Mrs. Bell was a very beautiful woman. Her mother's sister, Ann Mohlar, married John Studebaker, who was then a blacksmith in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and head of the Studebaker family in America. See Will of John Mohlar on file in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The descendants of Davis S. Bell and Sarah Rail Bell gather together and have their annual reunion near the homestead above set forth on the last Sunday in July of each year.

THOMAS ALLEN BELL

BELL died at his home in Salem at fifteen minutes after twelve o'clock, January 6th, 1893, THOMAS ALLEN BELL, aged 47 years, 5 months and 2 days.

He was the son of the late Hon. D. S. Bell and S. S. Bell, deceased. He comes from an old and respected line of Scotch Irish Presbyterians (Corrected Ulster Scotch). Was born in McAllaries Fort, in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, August 4th, 1845. Emigrated to this State in the fall of 1848, his parents settled on the farm in Lee County on which he resided until the last four years when he moved to Salem, Henry County, Iowa.

He was mustered in the 14th Iowa and 8th Iowa Calvary but was rejected on account of age and statute. Afterwards in the Spring of 1864, volunteered and was enlisted in the 45th Regiment Iowa Infantry. He was mustered out the following fall from which he received injuries that terminated in his death. He was married to Elvira C. Harlan, August 10th, 1866. They had issue who survive him: Frank S., Cora E., wife of John Byers and Grace E. He united with the Church in 1867, and was received by the Congragational Church in Salem January 1st, 1893. Was a member of G.A.R. and I.O.O.F. and took great interest in all their meetings, also was Vice President of Henry County Soldiers Association.

His funeral occurred Sunday the 8th from the Congregational Church. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Rogers of Mt. Pleasant. The funeral was a large one and on every hand were those who not only expressed sympathy with the friends, but who born themselves the tears of a sorrowing heart.

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Every year the Father Calleth
Some loved one to endlee rest.
And the Hear tho' filled with anguish
Can but cry he loveth best.

Every year some hand has finished
All its work for others here
And we miss a voice, whose accents
Fell like music on our ears.

And the eyes that smiled so sweetly
Answering back each look of love,
Now are gazing on the glories,
Of the beautiful realms above.

But a year not distant cometh,
When we tread the vast unknown,
We shall find our ransomed dear ones
Seated round the great white throne.

GEN. WILLIAM BELL

One of Mifflintown's aged and most highly respected citizens has finished his earthly career.

A familiar and commanding figure who for more than three quarters of a century has moved in and out of this community leaving upon old and young its impress for good has been taken away. The dark angel of death, that dread enemy of all mankind laid its pallid hand upon him on Monday morning, May 21st, 1900, and the martial manly form is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim. Gen. William Bell, commanding in person, displaying more of the elements of physical strength and culture than most of his class, of strong mind, keen intellect, firm in his devotion to the right as God gave him to see the right, a good counsellor, faithfully devoted to friends, patient, enduring and forgiving to enemies, standing a power of strength for good in the citadels of sin in this world has gone the way of all flesh.

"Man's life is but as grass
Soon out of sight we pass."

While lost to the sight, the impress of his Christian character and correct life will be felt in this community during the years to come.

Gen. Bell was born August 11th, 1817, on Bell's Island in the Juniata River. His father, William Bell, and his mother was a Bryson, a descendant of John Harris, the founder of Mifflin-town. They were of Scotch-Irish birth, that hardy race of people who came into this country when it was a wilderness inhabited by savages and wild beasts and built for themselves a home. The rich farms, the beautiful homes that the valleys of Juniata now possess were given to us by the valor and courage of this hardy race of people. The son, William, was reared on the farm in the river, with two sisters, Mrs. Irwin, now deceased, Mrs. Sharon, still living in Ohio. In 1843 he was elected high sheriff of Juniata County. This being the only civil office he ever held as the trend of his mind was toward the military and in the earlier forties he was Major, Lt., Col., and Brigadier Gen. of Militia in this valley commissioned by the Governor. In 1850 he was Lt. of a company of men known as the Mifflintown guards and from 1852 to 1864 was Capt. of the American Artillery of Mifflintown, Pa.

When the rebellion broke out he recruited a company, was elected its Captain, and in Nov., 1861, he was promoted to Major and on July 2nd, 1864, to Lt. Colonel. He was assigned to the First Brigade of Blakesley's Division

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of Calvary of the Army of the Potomac, and at the Battles of Solomon's Gap, Pleasant Valley and Cramptons Gap he commanded the brigade. Gen. Blakely in his reports of these engagements stated that at Pleasant Valley, Col. Bell, in command of the First Brigade held Rhoades' whole division of rebels in check until the 2nd Brigade was brought three miles to his assistance and that in all these engagements Col. Bell led his brigade gallantly. His services in the war, extending over a period of nearly three years were marked with many incidents of heroism and faithful patriot devotion to the flag he followed and which he loved. In an engagement at Charlestown, Virginia, he was seriously wounded. He was not one given to boasting of his achievements or deeds.

On October 8th, 1864, he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to his home in the Juniata River farm where he remained for some years, then moved to Mifflintown and engaged in mercantile pursuits in Patter-son and Philadelphia, finally engaging in the agriculture implement business in this town until about one and one-half years ago when he retired. He was a charter member of Union Lodge No. 324, A.F. & A. M. of which there are only two remaining, a member of Lt. David H. Wilson Post, No. 134 G.A.R. and at his death one of the trustees and Post Surgeon, and a member of the Union Veteran Legion. In religion he was an Orthodox Presbyterian and its creeds were firmly fixed in his heart and like the martyrs of olden

times could not be shaken. He was a ruling Elder in the Westminister Presbyterian Church at the time of his death and for a number of years previous. For many years his strong melodious voice rang out in songs of praise to the God he loved from the choir in the Church. And now this faithful public official, this brave soldier, this good citizen, this strong Christian, sleeps his last sleep.

"No sound can awake him to earthly glory again."

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The G.A.R. Post/which he was a member turned out to perform the last sad rites and tenderly lay away forever all that is mortal of a beloved comrade. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and were conducted by his esteemed friends, Revs. Pomeroy, Mathers, Kelley and Campbell. In addition to the relatives and friends the Church was filled with a sympathetic throng who came to pay homage to the deceased. Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery and his grave is marked by a large boulder which a few years ago he had transferred from the island, his birth place.

Copies from the Juniata Star, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, in the issue of May 25, 1900.

OBITUARY MENTION

Died at her home in Trego County, at 4:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, July 3rd, Mary Elizabeth Bell, ages 79 years, seven months, and fourteen days. Death resulted from dropsical

affections from which she had been suffering for some time. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, July 5th, interment being made in the Utica cemetery. Services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. Everett of Wakeeney, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. James Bell was born near Lewistown, Pennsylvania, November 19th, 1825, her maiden name being Mary Elizabeth Irwin. Her father was a patriotic citizen, taking up arms in defense of his country in the war of 1812. His children became orphans at an early age and were raised by their relatives, after which they lived together until they separated to pursue their several ways of life. Her brother died in 1858, the victim of a railroad accident, and her sister followed in 1889. Mary Elizabeth Irwin was married to James B. Bell April 6th, 1847. To their union was born two children, Chas. M. and Nellie A., the son survives her, the daughter having died of heart disease November 25th, 1897, at Albia, Iowa, the wife of Ira Noble. The family moved west in 1849, located in LaFayette, Indiana, and from there moved to Trego county, Kansas, in 1880, living through all the vicissitudes of pioneering in a new country.

Grandma Bell was a charitable woman -- she lived to give to the poor -- was possessed of a true Christian spirit, and the world is better for her having lived. She was refined, cultured, and a lady whose character was spotless. She was a model mother and her blessed influence is reflected upon the lives of her children and all who have come in contact

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with her. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a zealous Church worker. To those who stand within the shadow of this death and feel that they have lost a mother's love and a wife's companionship are the son and husband, besides three grandchildren, for whom we express the deepest sympathy in this the hour of their bereavement.

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We wish to express to the kind friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our loving wife and mother, our heart-felt thanks and gratitude.

James B. Bell

Chas. M. Bell

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MRS. FANNY GARRETT

The funeral services of Mrs. Fanny Garrett, who died Wednesday morning of last week, were held on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock from the residence, Rev. Dunning officiating. The son, Mr. C. Garrett of Gallup, Mexico, for whom the services had been postponed, arrived last Saturday. A mixed quartet, composed of Messrs S. C. Bright and Irving Kreig, Mrs. Weitzel and Miss Sadie McCray furnished appropriate music.

The remains were taken to Cincinnati, Monday morning and buried in the family lot in Spring Grove cemetery by the side of her husband and children.

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Those from a distance who attended the funeral were, a son, C. Garrett of Gallup, Mexico; brother, Mr. Sidney McManigal and sister, Mrs. Cooper of Columbus, Miss Mary Eisaminger and Mr. Ned McManigal of Columbus; Mrs. Tedrow of Nelsonville; Dr. Lawrence McManigal of Orbiston; Mrs. Culberston of Radcliff.

Mrs. Garrett was a lady held in high esteem and was much loved by all who knew her. She has made her home in Logan for the last ten years and will be sadly missed by her relatives, neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Francis S. Garrett daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Bell McManigal was born near McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, on the 19th day of June, 1838, and died at Logan, Ohio on the 5th day of February, 1913, at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 16 days. She united with the Presbyterian church in Milroy, Pennsylvania, in 1856, and had always been a faithful and interested worker. On January 27th, 1859, she was married to John C. Garrett of Vinton, Furnace, Ohio, near Milroy, Pennsylvania. To them were born six children, two of whom died in infancy, Harry Valentine at the age of one month and Jessie McDowell at the age of two years. Four sons are left to mourn her demise. Robert Clifton of Gallup, New Mexico, William Oscar of Eneseley, Alabama, Edward Carrell of Spokane, Washington, and Stephen Glidden of Wallace, Idaho. Three brothers and two sisters survive her; B. C. McManigal, R. D. McManigal and Mrs. T. W. Rochester of Logan, Ohio, and Sidney A. McManigal and Mrs. Glen W. Cooper of Columbus, Ohio. She had a happy, sympathetic disposition and had drawn about her a host of congenial friends where ever she lived.

MRS. AGNES S. REEVES

Mrs. Agnes S. Reeves, wife of the late I. C. Reeves, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Price, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 28, 1931, aged 87 years, having been in failing health for the last two years.

She was Agnes Susanne Bell before her marriage, the daughter of the Hon. David Bell and Sarah (Reigle) Bell. She was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1843, and at an early age came with her parents to Ft. Madison, Iowa, later moving to a farm in Lee County. She attended a school in West Point, conducted by Dr. Roor, one of the few schools for young women at that time.

Near the close of the Civil War she was married to Isaac Clark Reeves and moved to Salem where their five children were born and educated in the Quaker school named for the poet Whittier.

In 1891 the family moved to Keokuk where Mr. Reeves conducted a drug store until shortly before his death in 1915, having been in that business for almost fifty years.

Since 1925 Mrs. Reeves has made her home in Omaha with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Fisher, spending a part of each summer in Mt. Pleasant with her other daughter, Mrs. Frank Price.

Through her long life she was a devoted christian--the Bible her daily guide. She was a member of the First Westminster Presbyterian Church in Keokuk. One of her strong characteristics was her steadfast friendships. No friend was ever lost to her.

Funeral services were held at the Price home in Mt.

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Pleasant by the Rev. Harrell of the Congregational Church of Salem, to which Church Mrs. Reeves belonged while a resident there. Burial was in the cemetery at Salem where three generations of the family are buried. The pallbearers were two sons, Harry Reeves and Bert Reeves, both of Chicago, also two sons-in-law, W. W. Fisher and C. H. Cook, close friends of the family.

She is survived by the two daughters mentioned, the two sons, Harry and Bert, also by ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One son, David T. Reeves, died in 1923.

MRS. ELVIRA BELL

Many relatives and friends attended the funeral services of Mrs. Elvira Bell, who died in her home in Twin Falls, Idaho, Thursday, February 9th following an illness of some duration. The body was brought to Salem and taken to the Steven undertaking parlors on Sunday and funeral services were held at the Congregational Church, Monday at 2:00 P. M., services being conducted by the Pastor, Rev. Robert B. Rubart. The sons, "Abide With Me," and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River" were sung by Rev. and Mrs. Rubart and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Garretson with Mrs. Floyd Beery accompanying on the piano. Interment was on the South cemetery and pallbearers were Charles Davidson, O. H. Tyner, Harley Almond, C. I. DeLashmutt, Archie Dick and Oscar Pickard.

The family formerly resided in Salem before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho, and were well known in the community, where

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they have always held a host of friends among their acquaintances. Mrs. Bell, always a quiet disposition was loved and admired by all who knew her. One of the interesting things of her life occurred in 1865 when she sang at a memorial service for Abraham Lincoln with a chorus at Hillsboro, Iowa. Many beautiful flowers expressed the sympathy of the many friends and relatives, as they were placed near the casket.

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Elvira Harlan Bell, was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 27, 1846. She passed away at Twin Falls, Idaho, February 9, 1939, at the age of 92 years, 4 months and 11 days.

She was the eldest child of Jacob and Mary Harlan in a family of eight children, all of whom have preceded her in death. She came to Iowa with her parents and settled near Hillsboro in 1852. She was united in marriage to Thomas A. Bell in 1866. To this union was born three children, Frank S. Bell of Salem, Iowa; Mrs. J. M. Byers of Birmingham, Iowa, and Miss Grace Bell of Twin Falls, Idaho, all of whom were present for the funeral services. She was also survived by seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Soon after her marriage, the family settled on the Davis S. Bell homestead on what is now known as the Coleman Highway in Lee County, until 1888 when they moved to Salem where her husband died, January 6, 1893. In 1910 she joined her younger daughter at Twin Falls, Idaho, where she has since resided. For 70 years, she was a devout member of the Disciples of Christ, having joined the Church at Big Mound.

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. It also provides a brief overview of the literature review and the methodology used in the study. The second part of the paper presents the results of the study and discusses the implications of the findings. The third part of the paper concludes the study and provides some suggestions for future research.

CONCLUSION

The study has shown that the use of the proposed method can significantly improve the accuracy of the results. The results of the study are consistent with the findings of previous studies. The study also shows that the proposed method is more efficient than the traditional methods. The study has some limitations, but it provides a good starting point for future research. The study also provides some suggestions for future research. The study is a good example of how to conduct a research study. The study is well-organized and easy to read. The study provides a clear and concise summary of the findings. The study is a good example of how to write a research paper. The study is a good example of how to present research findings. The study is a good example of how to draw conclusions from research findings. The study is a good example of how to provide suggestions for future research. The study is a good example of how to write a research paper. The study is a good example of how to present research findings. The study is a good example of how to draw conclusions from research findings. The study is a good example of how to provide suggestions for future research.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bell
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Miss Grace Bell

MRS. JOHN BYERS

Cora Evelyn, daughter of Thomas and Elvira Bell, was born June 23rd, 1871 near Salem in Lee County, Iowa. After a lingering illness in which she was tenderly cared for, she died in her home in Birmingham January 19th, 1951, aged 79 years, 6 montns and 20 days.

She was united in marriage to John Milton Byers on June 4th, 1890. Thus was founded a happy home that has existed for over 60 years.

They came to Birmingham after their marriage and have been residents of this community ever since.

To them were born seven children, all of whom together with her husband are living, to mourn her loss.

They are Riley Earl, Mapleton, Iowa; Mrs. Ethel Black, Dallas City, Ill.; Mrs. Rhea Stansberry, Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Thelma Johnston, Birmingham, Iowa; Frank, Wyssa, Oregon; Hartzell, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Mrs. Carabell Caldwell, Gowanda, New York. Also one sister, Grace Bell, Escondido, Calif.; one brother, Frank Bell of Salem, Iowa. There are 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Byers made her first confession of faith in the Congregational Church at Salem, and on moving to Birmingham became a member of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church. She was

also a member of Women's Adult class in the S. S. and of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid and of the Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday in the Birmingham Presbyterian church with the Rev. H. C. Irvine officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery at Birmingham.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all our neighbors and friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness in our bereavement. The flowers were beautiful.

The Byers Family

JOHN BYERS

Birmingham. John Byers, 86, a longtime resident of Birmingham died Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pitt Johnson, west of Birmingham, after a long illness of a heart ailment and complications.

He was the son of Eli and Malinda Byers and was born March 27, 1866, near Fella in Marion county. On June 4, 1890, he was married to Cora Bell of Salem, who died January 19, 1951.

He had been a mail carrier and a farmer before his retirement. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and an honorary member of the I.O.O.F. lodge.

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Surviving are three sons, Earl of Mapleton, Frank of Nyssa, Ore., and Hartzel of Ft. Dodge; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Black of Dallas City, Ill., Mrs. Rhea Stensberry of Fairfield, Mrs. Morris Caldwell of Gowanda, N. Y., and Mrs. Johnston of Birmingham; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock P. M. Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church, in charge of the Rev. Howard C. Irvine. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery. The body is at the Catcott funeral home.

GRACE ETHEL BELL

Grace Ethel Bell daughter of Thomas A. and Elvira Harlan Bell was born April 22nd, 1878 in Lee County, Iowa and passed away suddenly in Escondido, California where she was spending the winter, February 4, 1951, at the age of 72 years 9 months 11 days.

At the age of 10 years she moved to Salem, Iowa, with her parents, where she attended the public schools and graduated.

Her family was desirous to have her develop her ~~develop her~~ music ability which she showed early in life. She entered the Conservatory of Iowa Wesleyan under Dr. Rommel, teacher of piano, and graduated in the class of 1900. Later took post graduate under various music instructors.

She then taught piano in Salem and for a period of time in Blackwell, Oklahoma. In 1909 she located in Twin Falls, Idaho. At that time a city of 4000 population and 4 years old, here she taught music for 30 years, when she retired in 1939.

She became a member of the Christian Church, the church of her mother at Winfield, Kansas, while a guest of her relatives. On locating at Twin Falls she was associated with the first Christian Church, and was an active member up to the time of her death. She supported a student in South Africa Mission field. She was Church organist for a number of years. Word just received from the Women Council of the Church, that they had placed a memorial in their new local hospital in memory of the work she had so faithfully performed.

She was a member of the F.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter D, of Twin Falls.

She received her 50 year diploma from Iowa Wesleyan last year. During her life time she traveled extensively in Europe and the United States.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Cora Bell Byers, wife of John Byers, having died January 19th about two weeks ago.

Those left to cherish her memory are one brother, Frank S. Bell of Salem, several nieces and nephews, R. E. Byers of Mapleton, Iowa, Mrs. Ethel Black, Dallas City, Ill., Mrs. Rhea Stansbury, Fairfield, Iowa, Mrs. Thelma Johnston, Birmingham, Iowa, F. S. Byers of Kysa, Oregon, Hartzell Byers, Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mrs. Carie Belle Caldwell of Gowanda, New York and other relatives and friends.

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The Bell Relatives.

FRANK PRICE

Frank Price, 86, prominent retired Mt. Pleasant merchant formerly engaged in the retail home furnishings business on the east side of the square now occupied by Brown, Lynch Scott Store, passed away Monday night at 11:30 P. M. at Memorial Hospital. The son of Thomas Jefferson and Josephine (McFarland) Price, he was born April 19, 1865 in Henry County north of New London.

Mr. Price was first engaged in business with his father in the hardware and implement business in New London. After moving to Mt. Pleasant in the late nineties he operated an implement business at Adams and Monroe where the present Taft building stands. Later he was engaged in the Price and Spry Hardware and Implement business on the south side of the square and still later in the Price House Furnishings and Hardware business on the east side of the square. About 1920 he sold the business and retired.

He was married January 10, 1889 to Miss Maude Reeves of Salem, a Whittier College graduate at the home of her parents. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Agnes Caviezel of

Mt. Pleasant, four sons, Robert Price of Cincinnati, Ohio, Reeves Price of New York City, Walter Price of Dyersville and Ralph Price of Texarkana, Texas, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

All of the children are expected to arrive here prior to the funeral services which will be held Thursday at 2 P. M. at the Crane Funeral Home. The Rev. Owen Wilson of the Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be in Forest Home cemetery.

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SINCE 1910

Frank S. Bell
SALEM, IOWA

The foregoing examination has been continued and brought up to this date. The 20th day of October 1952, the date of my 85th birth day.

Note 1. I attended the funeral services of James Harlan. The Henry County bar of which I was a member attended in a body.

The mourners that were present which made a profound impression on my mind was Robt T. Lincoln and family.

Note 2. It is said that Arthur Bell son of Major Wm. Bell was in the hey day of his life the most powerful man physically of Mifflin County. He appears to have been in the war of the revolution with his father. He died an old bachelor.

This slip is for the end.

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The foregoing family record has been compiled over a period of 40 years and is brought up to October 20th, 1943. The reader will find it complete so far as my Grandfather's family is concerned, but other heirs of the William Bell family can add on to the record so far as their separate family is concerned.

The oldest living Bell so far as known to me is KITTIE BELL SMITH (Mrs. Jay Smith) 2640 Mountain Road, Portland, Oregon.

Note I have extensively used the obituaries in completing the record of the different ones that have passed on as the same appears in the newspapers.

Frank Stewart Bell
Salem, Iowa.
Resident of Twin Falls, Idaho
from 1910 until 1938, 304
7th Ave. E.

Note: The Allen record was compiled by Cora Cook Reeves, a teacher in the public schools of Keokuk, Iowa.

See BELL FAMILY RECORDS by the American Historical Genealogies Society, 1415 Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa. 1929.

The following named persons referred to in the foregoing record have all passed on to their last resting place: James Boyd Bell, George H. Jewett and W. S. Allan, a son of Dr. Boyd Allan.

"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures the history of his ancestors." Edmund Burke.

See Geenealogy of the Harlan Family 1687-1912
by Alphues H. Harlan for my Mother's record.

Also the Immigration of the Irish Quakers into
Pennsylvania 1682-1750 by Albert Cook Myers.

I attended a Reunion of the Harlans held at
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, about 1896, and the following were
present that attracted a great deal of attention.

First: Ex-U. S. Senator James Harlan of Iowa,
who was the close adviser of Abraham Lincoln and the only
surviving member of his Cabinet, and whose daughter, Mary,
married Robert T. Lincoln.

Second: Andrew Jackson Harlan, the only sur-
viving member of the 33rd Congress, and the intimate friend
of Henry Clay.

Third: Aaron Harlan, the oldest known living
pioneer settler of Iowa.

Fourth: That among the letters of regrets from
those that were unable to attend the Reunion was one from
John Marshall Harlan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
of the United States.

Additional clause: That from my examinations, I
am firmly of the opinion that William Bell and Elizabeth
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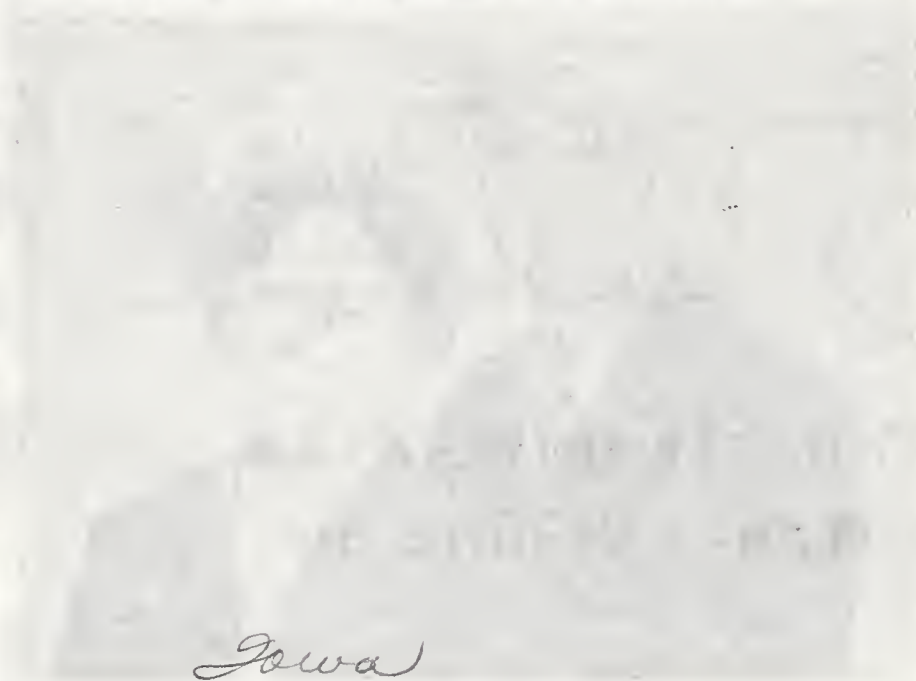
BOTH 50 YEAR MEMBERS



MR. AND MRS F. S. BELL

It is 58 years ago this month, since F. S. Bell, senior member of the Henry county bar graduated from the Law Department of Drake University. Mr. Bell has been a member of the fifty year old class since it was organized in that institution. His wife, Bertha Lester Bell, for the past two years has been a member of the 50 year class of Iowa Wesleyan college. Mrs. Bell and the late Miss Grace Ethel Bell, sister of F. S. Bell, are the only known persons that ever graduated in music at Iowa Wesleyan while a resident of Salem. Mrs. Bell graduated in voice and piano and Miss Bell in piano, both were students of Dr. Rosswell.

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ANNUAL MEETING AT THE
HOTEL IOWA, DES MOINES, IOWA,
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1920,
AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.





